



Culture

Plaza Padu

Plaza Padu was inaugurated on March 17, Aruba's Flag & Anthem Day, one of various initiatives to beautify downtown Oranjestad. Together with Cosecha, a historic building where authentic local arts and crafts are displayed and sold, it adds a cultural dimension to Oranjestad.

Plaza Padu is named after Padu Lampe, considered the father of Aruba's culture, and dedicated as well to Rufo Wever and Lio Booi, who composed Aruba Dushi Tera, the island's national anthem. Renowned local artist Ciro Abath created a special work of art in that context.

The new plaza reflects the vision of the Aruba Tourism Authority and government in elevating the quality of the tourism product by adding beauty and authentic culture to the visitor experience.